

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claim 1 was rejected, claims 2-8 were objected to, and claims 9-20 were allowed. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 13, 17 and 18 have been amended. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Amendments to the Drawings

The drawings previously presented in the Supplemental Amendment dated March 10, 2005 are resubmitted for consideration and entry.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102


Claim 1 was rejected under § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,059,064 issued to Nagano et al. (hereinafter "Nagano '064"). Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 6, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, Applicants believe this rejection has been overcome. Since claims 2-8 depend on amended claim 1, these claims are also believed to be allowable.

Conclusion

Applicants have made a genuine effort to respond to the Examiner's objections and rejections in advancing the prosecution of this case. Applicants believe all formal and substantive requirements for patentability have been met and that this case is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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